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TO:

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SUBJECT: Federal Per Diem Rates (CONUS)

In Revenue Procedure 2000-9, the Internal Revenue Service has updated the federal per diem rates established by Revenue Procedure 98-64 for travel within the continental United States (CONUS). These standard rates affect the computation of the taxable portion of per diem allowances paid to State of Hawaii officers and employees. The information in this memorandum therefore needs to be forwarded to the offices in your department responsible for the computation and reporting of the taxable portion of per diem allowances for payroll tax withholding purposes.

The following rates are to be used for computing, under the high-low substantiation method, the taxable portion of per diem for CONUS travel expenses paid or incurred on or after January 1, 2000.

	High-Cost <u>Locality</u>	Low-Cost Locality
Lodging Meals and Incidental Expenses	\$159 <u>42</u>	\$ 90 <u>34</u>
Total federal rates	<u>\$201</u>	<u>\$124</u>

Revenue Procedure 2000-9 has also made some changes in the locations identified in the high-cost category. Attached is an updated listing of the high-cost localities: all other CONUS localities are considered low-cost localities under the high-low substantiation method.

Key city

County or other defined location

California

San Francisco

Sunnyvale/Palo Alto/San Jose

Tahoe City

San Francisco Santa Clara Placer

Pitkin

Summit

Eagle

San Miguel

Colorado

Aspen

(December 1-June 30) Silverthorne/Kevstone

Telluride

(November 1-March 31)

Vail

(December 1-March 31)

District of Columbia

Washington, D.C.

Washington, D.C.; the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, and Falls Church, and the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, and Loudoun, in Virginia; and the counties of Montgomery and

Prince George's in Maryland

Florida

Key West

(December 15-April 30)

Monroe

Sun Valley

(June 1-September 30)

City limits of Sun Valley

Illinois

Chicago

Cook and Lake

Maryland

(For the counties of Montgomery and Prince George's, see District of Columbia)

Ocean City

Worcester

(June 1-September 15)

Massachusetts

Boston

Suffolk

Cambridge

Middlesex County (except Lowell) Dukes

Martha's Vineyard

(June 1-September 30)

Michigan

Charlevoix

Charlevoix

(July 1-September 30)

Mackinac Island

Mackinac

Montana

Big Sky

Gallatin (except West Yellowstone Park)

New Jersey

Cape May

(June 1-September 30)

Ocean City

(June 15-September 15)

Piscataway/Bellemead Princeton

Union County

Cape May (except Ocean City)

City limits of Ocean City

Somerset and Middlesex City limits of Princeton

Union County

New York The Bronx/Brooklyn/Queens Manhattan

Nassau County/Great Neck Suffolk County

White Plains Pennsylvania

Hershey (June 1-September 15)

Philadelphia

Utah

Park City

(December 20-March 31)

The boroughs of The Bronx, Brooklyn, and Queens Manhattan Nassau County Suffolk County City limits of White Plains

City limits of Hershey

Philadelphia

Summit

Virginia

(For the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, and Falls Church, and the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, and Loudoun, see District of Columbia)

.04 Changes in high-cost localities. The list of high-cost localities in section 5.03 of this revenue procedure differs from the list of high-cost localities in section 5.03 of Rev. Proc. 98-64.

- (1) The following localities (generally listed by key cities) have been added to the list of high-cost localities: Santa Clara County, California; Tahoe City, California; Silverthome/Keystone, Colorado; Prince George's County, Maryland: Middlesex County, Massachusetts (except the city limits of Lowell); Big Sky, Montana; Bellemead, New Jersey; Middlesex County, New Jersey; Princeton, New Jersey; Nassau County/Great Neck, New York; Suffolk County, New York; and Loudoun County, Virginia.
- (2) The portion of the year for which the following are high-cost localities (listed by key cities) has been changed: Aspen, Colorado; Vail, Colorado; Key West, Florida: Sun Valley, Idaho, Ocean City, Maryland; Ocean City, New Jersey; Hershey, Pennsylvania; and Park City, Utah.
- (3) The following localities (generally listed by key cities) have been removed from the list of high-cost localities: Gulf Shores, Alabama; Gualala, California: Yosemite National Park, California; Delray Beach, Florida: Jupiter, Florida; Palm Beach, Florida; Singer Island, Florida; Bar Harbor, Maine: Baltimore, Maryland; Stateline, Nevada; Saratoga Springs, New York; Westchester County, New York (except the city limits of White Plains); West Point, New York; Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina; Bala

Cynwyd, Pennsylvania; Newport, Rhode Island; Hilton Head, South Carolina; Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; Wintergreen, Virginia: and Seattle, Washington.